Bible & Daily Living

Jesus' Affirmation

By DR. WILLIAM L. TRIMYER

Jesus' Affirmation Sermon Lesson for January 4, 1981 Bible Study Passage: Mat thew 5:1-16

Introduction

Jesus was life affirming, not life despiring. Jesus likewise sought to affirm the worth in every person he encountered. Even in his teachings Jesus tended to stress the positive. In all his teachings he attempted to emphasize the positive rewards of good discipleship. We can very easily characterize the teachings of Jesus and "affirmation theology." The Sermon on the Mount reflects Jesus concern for the style of life his followers are to aim for. His "sermon" has been labeled as "The Magna Charta of the Kingdom." In it we experience the essence of our Lord's teachings and truths concerning life as a disciple.

A "Lofty" Message (Matthew 5:1-2)

That Jesus went to a mountain to address his disciples says something about the significance of what he had to say. The text says, "...and when he was set (down), his disciples came unto him." In sitting down to teach, Jesus assumed the usual position of a Jewish rabbi.

The message that Jesus shared is assumed by many to be a complete sermon delivered on the mountain. There is evidence, however, which reveals that chapters 5-7 contain portions of Jesus' teachings, brought together to form one "sermon." In other words, some of the material contained in these chapters may have been spoken by Jesus in another setting on another day. Nevertheless, when he said it is not nearly as important as what he says.

We may certainly conclude that what Jesus taught was ultimately intended for all of his followers in ages to come. That means we are the recipients of his teachings, thanks to those early disciples who recognized and recorded his powerful words of life.

Those Whom God Favors [Matthew 5:2-12]

Those who seek to live by the authority of God's rule are those upon whom he showers both abundant and eternal blessings. These blesings are spelled out for us in what we commonly refer to as The Beatitudes. These sayings of Jesus are not mere bits of information, for they reflect a standard quite opposite of the world's standards.

Take a moment and consider the opposites of the Beatitudes. The opposite of those who are poor in spirit are the proud in spirit. The opposite of the peacemakes are the peacekeepers, those who dare not risk themselves for the sake of reconciliation. The opposite of the merciful are those who show no mercy.

Those who do practice mercy, who are poor in spirit, who are pure in heart, are those who are happiest. In fact, the word "blessed" is actually better translated "happy." "Happy are those who . . ."

The Beatitudes are not simply social principles or laws to follow, they represent a life style that transcends even the Mosaic law code.

The Gospel Requirements [Matthew 5:13-16]

When you refer to someone as "the salt of the earth," you are paying them a very high compliment. Salt is highly prized in today's world. We use salt to season our food, to melt snow, and to cure those delicious country hams. What would our world be like without salt?

Jesus both challenges and warns his disciples with his reference to being the salt of the earth. As Christians, we are to be like salt and season life with joy. In a like manner, we are to be like salt in our attempts to preserve all that is good and worthy within our society.

Then Jesus encourages his followers to be lights in the world. I'll never forget the night hurricane Hazel hit inland. I was with my grandparents in North Carolina. The storm knocked out all power. We were all hovering together in the living room while the fierce winds howled outside. When the lights went out we were even more frightened. Down the hall came my grandfather with a lantern. How glad we were to have that light!

We Christians are encouraged to be lights to other struggling pilgrims, offering them direction in a sometimes stormy, frightening world. In letting our glow for Christ be seen, we also acknowledge our heavenly Father.

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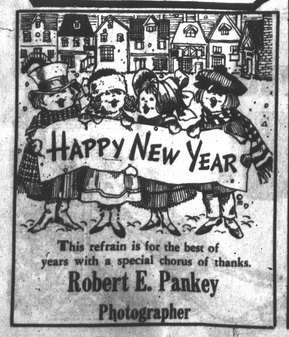

This refrain is for the best of years with a special chorus of thanks.
Robert E. Pankey
Photographer

South 40

Tobacco average up

By JAMES A SMITH
Extension Agent

The 1980 Virginia Flue Cured Tobacco Market closed with an average of $142.19 per hundred pounds compared with $141.34 in 1979. Obviously yields were also down-99.5 million pounds in 1980 compared with 108 million in 1979.

One of the real concerns is the amount of tobacco that went to the Stabilization Corporation. 18.5% of the Virginia Production went under loan. In the old Belt Stabilization's receipt were 45.4 million pounds this year compared with 25.1. million pounds in 1979.

For the total Flue belt in 1979 production was 1,018.4 million pounds and Stabilization's receipts were 69,823.8 million pounds. This year the production was 1,165.9 million pounds and Stabilization received 138,294.4 million pounds.

Obviously, the warning flags are flying!

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The 1980 corn performance trials publication has arrived. This is a useful tool in helping determine which hybrids to plant in 1981.

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The Buckingham Area Swine School will be held January 29, 4:30 - 9:30, Buckingham County High School.

An outstanding program is offered featuring Dr. Fred Troutt, Dr. Wayne Purcell, Dr. Andy Swiger, Dr. Steve Umberger and a producer panel.

If you have hogs or planning for hogs," better plan to attend. We need to know by January 22 who will attend so that food arrangements can be made. There is a $1.00 charge for dinner.

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The fall Calf Sales in Lynchburg sold 3483 head for $1,241,083.90.

Again this year, the Growth Sale (1st Sale) brought the most money. There was a difference of $15.97 per head in favor of the first sale.

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Remember to remove all old and crumbling caulking before replacing it. The caulking bead must be wide enough for the caulking to stick to both sides of the crack.

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Keep an eye on barley. There have been reports of some yellow barley showing up. The first step should be to take a soil sample. The problem could be low pH. It is a very common problem in barley.

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I didn't fully realize how dry it was until I tried to plow my garden Saturday before Christmas. The soil is very dry and hard.

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Cow slaughter is high. This suggests that calves are going to be good property.

Better treat beef cows and calves good this winter, particularly with a short feed supply. They need two treatments to give 100% control of lice. These treatments should be done in January two to three weeks apart.

There are several recommended materials: Korlan 2 does a good job, but is no longer being manufactured because of marketing problems. If you have some, use it. Dursban 4 does a good job but there have been some problems when it was used on bulls. Current label makes it useable on all cattle except bulls. Lysoff has been around for serveral years. It is very good; use a pour-on but be sure to use twice.

More details are in Control Series 6. If you would like a copy, give our office a call.

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK H. SWEET
Extension Agent

As the start of a New Year is upon us, it may be appropriate to suggest some New Year's resolutions for many 4-H members. To begin with, we'd suggest that each 4-H'er make it his or her goal to complete at least one 4-H project during 1981. Another goal might be to take part in at least one special 4-H activity such as Public Speaking, Demonstrations-Illustrated Talks, Judging Teams, etc. One final resolution would be that each 4-H member have at least one individual exhibit at the 1981 Five County Fair. These three goals are really not so far fetched-many 4-H'ers have been exceeding them each year.

A New Year's resolution for 4-H parents might be to encourage your son or daughter to participate in 4-H programs; and to show your interest by attending at least one 4-H activity during the year.

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A new area for 4-H Awards is the Fish and Wildlife program. Senior 4-H'ers may submit accumulated records in the area of fish and wildlife beginning in the spring of 1981. This should be an excellent opportunity for 4-H'ers interested in our fish and wildlife resources.

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The Piedmont Area Junior Livestock Show will be held Saturday, June 13 in Farmville at the Five County Fair Grounds. 4-H and FFA members will have the opportunity to exhibit beef cattle (both steers and heifers), market lambs and market hogs. Now is the time to begin making plans to participate in the spring and early summer livestock shows.

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4-H members who have indicated an interest in judging programs will receive a schedule of practice sessions shortly after the first of the year. 4-H judging programs will be conducted in egg grading, meats, livestock, forestry and soils.

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There is a continuing need for 4-H volunteer leaders to assist with all phases of the 4-H program. If you would like to help, please give us a call at the Extension Office or at home.

ASCS Today

Wheat and feed programs set

By TOM CONRAD

1981 Wheat and Feed Grain Programs - There have been some changes made in the 1981 feed grain and wheat programs. The producer does not have to plant within the Normal Crop Acreage (NCA) crops compliance and offsetting compliance will not be applicable to the 1981 program. This means that you will be eligible for price support loans, target price protection, and disaster assistance even if you do not stay within the NCA.

Acreage planted in 1981 in excess of 1981 NCA of 1980 planted and considered planted acreage will not be used in determining a farm's NCA in future years.

If you have any questions, please contact the ASCS office.

Agricultural Conservation Program - We are still accepting applications for the 1981 ACP. If you have some conservation work that needs to be done in 1981, stop by the ASCS office and sign for cost-share assistance. Permanent vegetative cover establishment and improvement practices require a soil sample. You can speed up action on your request by bringing it in when you come to sign.

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Tues., Jan. 6 - Chile con carne w/beans, coleslaw, buttered corn, sliced pears, milk.

Wed., Jan. 7 - Oven fried chicken, green beans, whipped potatoes, sliced peaches, hot rolls, milk.

Thurs., Jan. 8 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tomato & lettuce salad w/dressing, fruit cocktail, hot rolls, milk.

Fri., Jan. 9 - Oven battered fish, french fries w/catsup, buttered green peas, hot rolls, pinespple cubes, milk.

Mon., Jan. 12 - Beef-a-roni, buttered brussel sprouts, applesauce, cake squares, hot rolls, milk.

Tues., Jan. 13 - Pork barbecue on bun, blackeyed peas, buttered corn, sliced peaches, milk.

Wed., Jan. 14 - Cheese & beef pizza, tomato & lettuce salad w/dressing, buttered carrots, fruit cup, milk.

Thurs., Jan. 15 - Ravioli casserole, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, sliced pears, milk.

Fri., Jan. 16 - Teachers work day.

Mon., Jan. 19 - Corn dogs w/mustard, macaroni & cheese, Ford hook lima beans, pruple pluma, milk.

Tues., Jan. 20 - Oven fried chicken, seasoned mix greens, whipped potatoes, fruit cocktail, hot rolls, milk.

Wed., Jan. 21 - Hamburger on bun, macaroni salad, broccoli, applesauce, milk.

Thurs., Jan. 22 - Hot dog on bun, coleslaw, pinto beans, pineapple chunks, milk.

Fri., Jan 23 - Fish squares w/catsup, corn bread, french fries, green peas, an apple, milk.

Mon., Jan. 26 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tomato & lettuce salad w/dressing, hot rolls, fruit cocktail, milk.

Tues., Jan. 27 - Meatloaf, hot rolls, green beans, buttered rice, sliced peaches, milk.

Wed., Jan. 28 - Hot dog on bun, coleslaw, blackeyed peas, applesauce, milk.

Thurs., Jan. 29 - Sliced turkey w/gravy, hot rolls, green peas, creamed potatoes, sliced pears, milk.

Fri., Jan. 30 - Mixed vegetables soup w/tomatoes, spiced lunchmeat & cheese sandwiches, apple cobbler, milk.

AARP slates meeting

Mr. Jim Collins, program director, of the American Association of Retired Persons has arranged for a program by the Appomattox County High School choral group to entertain for the chapter at their next meeting.

The choral group consist of about 25 in number and are most enjoyable to hear. They are under direction of the most capable Shelby Shelton.

The meeting will be held at the Pamplin Charge United Methodist Church on Thurs. evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The entertainment will be from 8:00 until 9:00 p.m. after which, all those present will enjoy refreshments.

There is no charge or obligation so come and enjoy them.

BABY OF THE WEEK

RICHARD DEAN MOORE, son of Thomas R. Moore and Delphine Moore. Age: five months. Address: Route 2, Gladstone, Va. 24553. Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Moore, Jr. and Mrs. Margaret L. Layne and Mr. Thomas Layne.

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Of course the proud parents are not forgotten either. Whose baby will it be? We're as anxious as you are to see! It's our way of saying "WELCOME LITTLE ONE".

contest rules

The winning baby and parents must be residents of Appomattox County. Exact time of birth must be specified by the attending physician, written statement must be submitted to this paper not later than 12:00 noon, January 5, 1981. In the event there is no winner by that time the contest will be extended until a winner is declared.
After the winner is declared the parents are to cut out the coupons on this page and take them to each merchant to receive their gifts. All coupons must be redeemed by the end of February 1981.

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